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[Application and Reference]

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CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

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2. An information apparatus comprising a control unit which, when a notice "scheduled" date comes in a power-OFF status and then the apparatus is powered ON, notifies an unnotified "schedule" which has not passed a predetermine time back to the past before a current date as a reminder while does not notify an unnotified "schedule" which has passed beyond the predetermined time back to the past before the current date as a reminder.

3. (Cancelled)

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4. A method of controlling an information apparatus comprising the steps of:

notifying, when a notice "scheduled" date comes in a power-OFF status and then the power supply is powered ON, an unnotified "schedule" which has not passed a predetermined time back to the past before the notice "scheduled" date as a reminder; and

not notifying, when the notice "scheduled" date comes in the power-OFF status and then the power supply is powered ON, an unnotified "schedule" which has passed beyond the predetermined time back to the past before the notice "scheduled" date as a reminder.

5. (Cancelled)

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6. A program which causes a computer to
5 execute:

a notification procedure of, when a notice
"scheduled" date comes in a power-OFF status and then
the power supply is powered ON, notifying an
unnotified "schedule" which has not passed a
10 predetermined time back to the past before the notice
"scheduled" date as a reminder; and

an unnotification procedure of, when the notice
"scheduled" date comes in the power-OFF status and
then the power supply is powered ON, not notifying an
15 unnotified "schedule" which has passed beyond the
predetermined time back to the past before the notice
"scheduled" date as a reminder.

7. (Cancelled)

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8. An information apparatus which is directed
5 for notifying an unnotified schedule whose notice
"scheduled" date registered in the apparatus comes in
a power-OFF status, wherein an unnotified schedule
which is included in a predetermined number of
schedules back to the past before a current date set
10 in the information apparatus is notified as a
reminder when the apparatus is powered ON, and

an unnotified schedule which is not included in
the predetermined number of schedules back to the
past before the current date set in the information
15 apparatus is not notified as a reminder.

9. (Cancelled)

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10. A method of notifying a schedule which
remains unnotified due to stop of a communication
function even when a notice "scheduled" date comes in
5 the function of notifying a schedule booked in an
information apparatus,

wherein when the notification function is
started thereafter,

an unnotified schedule which is included in a
10 predetermined number of schedules back to the past
before a current date set in the information
apparatus is notified as a reminder, and

an unnotified schedule which is not included in
the predetermined number of schedules back to the
15 past before the current date set in the information
apparatus is not notified as a reminder.

11. A notice method according to claim 10,
wherein a stop status of a notification function is a
status where an information apparatus is powered OFF,
20 and the notification function is started when the
information apparatus is powered ON.

12. A program which causes a computer to
execute notification of a booked schedule and is
directed for notifying a schedule which remains
25 unnotified due to stop of a notification function
even when a notice "scheduled" date comes, wherein
when the notification function is started thereafter,